



Idaho Telehealth Council

Meeting Minutes:

Subject:	Idaho Telehealth Council	DATE:	August 14, 2015
Attendees:	Stacey Carson, Susan Ault, Paul McPherson, MD, David Morledge, Molly Steckel, Mitch Toryanski, Matt Wimmer, Rhonda Robinson-Beale, MD, and Mary Sheridan	LOCATION:	450 W State Street, 10 th Floor, Room 10A, Boise
Teleconference:	Melissa Christian, Rick Goodwin, Casey Meza, Michael Meza, MD, Representative John Rusche, Marc Chasin, MD, Tracey Sessions, and Anne Lawler		
Members Absent:	Becky diVittorio, William Hazle, MD, William Ganz, MD, Nicole McKay, Ken Schaecher, MD, and Tiffany Whitmore – Seibert		
DHW Staff:	Cynthia York, Casey Moyer, Miro Barac, Christina Richter, and Kim Thurston		
Staff Teleconference:	Ann Watkins and Heather Clark		
Guests:	Corey Surber, Michael Ide, Jenny Blendu, Lynsey Winters-Juel, and Jean Uranga		

Summary of Motions/Decisions:

Motion: Susan Ault moved to approve the Idaho Telehealth Council (ITC) meeting minutes from the July 10, 2015, meeting. Paul McPherson, MD seconded the motion.	Outcome: Motion carried.
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Motion: Mitch Toryanski moved to give Goal 1 and Goal 2 Subcommittee Chairs the authority to form each Subcommittee as they choose.

Motion Carried.

David Morledge seconded the motion.

Agenda Topics:

Welcome and Introductions – Stacey Carson, Telehealth Council Chair

- Stacey Carson welcomed everyone.
- Member and guest introductions.

Review DRAFT Rules from Idaho Medicaid pertaining to telemedicine: Attachment 1

- Matt Wimmer, Department of Health and Welfare (DHW) presented the draft Medicaid Basic Plan Benefits, Rule Docket Number 16-0309-1502 to the Telehealth Council members:
 - On July 17, 2015, all Council members received an email requesting comments on rule dockets from Idaho Medicaid that would impact telehealth. Mr. Wimmer did receive comments and feedback from some of the Council members and as a result, the draft versions were amended to accommodate that feedback.
 - After this docket is published in the Administrative Bulletin there will be additional hearings providing another opportunity for comments.
- Mr. Wimmer stated that Medicaid will be working on their Provider Handbook and will bring the draft copy to the Council members for their feedback. The Provider Handbook draft will be ready for review this fall.

Review DRAFT Rules (amended) from Idaho Board of Medicine (BOM) pertaining to telemedicine: Attachment 2

- Ms. Carson presented a high level summary of the changes to the draft Rules Relating to Telehealth Services, that were discussed at the July 10, 2015, ITC meeting. Nancy Kerr and Jean Uranga, from the BOM, listened to the Council members' feedback and made some changes to the draft rules as a result.

Idaho Medical Association Resolution 209 (Equivalent Reimbursement for Telehealth Services): Attachment 3

- Molly Steckel delivered a report on the resolution in support for equitable reimbursement for telehealth services which was recently introduced and passed at the Idaho Medical Association House of Delegates on July 17, 2015.
- Ms. Steckel plans to have conversations with stakeholders regarding what is workable and what is feasible for telehealth reimbursement. Discussions will focus on consultation or referral arrangements.

Idaho Telehealth Council and Subcommittees Updates:

- DHW Director Armstrong has authorized funding for a part-time, temporary Program Specialist to support the Council, approximately 28 hours a week for ten (10) months. Council members discussed the need and potential future of the council beyond June 2016. Workgroup members saw their charge as nearly being completed with the current projects being addressed (Goals 1-3). Goal 2 will continue to be supported by the Idaho Statewide Healthcare Innovation Plan (SHIP) as this goal and activities will continue over the next three (3) years of the grant. Goal 4, related to education and outreach, was thought to be something that industry would address as the payer system evolved and parity becomes more fully realized.
- Council members agreed to have a standing agenda item for each meeting to address future policy work that includes a clear purpose for the Council, and a funding mechanism past the 10 month period.
- Goal 1 – Reimbursement Subcommittee
 - In Dr. Schaecher's absence, Ms. Carson explained that the Reimbursement Subcommittee has grown to include almost all of the ITC members. Options for addressing Goal 1 are listed below.
 1. Reassign this task to the ITC and disband the Reimbursement Subcommittee
 2. Continue to address Goal 1 through a subcommittee structure
 3. Revisit the subcommittee volunteer representation

■ Goal 2 – SHIP Subcommittee

- Mary Sheridan updated the Council members on the SHIP Subcommittee that is working on expanding telehealth services through SHIP to: a) integrate telehealth services in rural primary care/specialty care practices and b) expand/provide telehealth services to rural areas of Idaho. Marsha Bracke will be facilitating the Workgroup in: a) identifying barriers and gaps and b) addressing the needs assessment. They would like to have a SHIP Goal 2 plan in place by January 2016.

Timeline and Next Steps –

- Discussions regarding future of the ITC will be a standing agenda item.
- Next meeting is September 11, 2015.

There being no further business Chairman Carson adjourned the meeting at 11:46 a.m.